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## **Alexander Applauds Passage of Peru Trade Agreement**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today released the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, H.R. 3688.

**“This bill will immediately eliminate tariffs placed on American goods going to Peru, which will greatly benefit Louisiana farmers,”** Alexander said.

**“The passage of this trade agreement will open a new market to our farmers and will ensure that Louisiana’s economy grows stronger as the global market continues to expand.”**

In September, Alexander, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, joined a U.S. delegation led by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez on a trip to Panama, Peru and Columbia to discuss pending trade agreements with the United States and to meet with government, business, labor and civil society officials on the role these agreements play in promoting positive social change and economic growth and opportunity.

Alexander said Sec. Gutierrez expressed interest in the potential for economic growth through increased trade in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Louisiana after his visit to the region in December 2005. During his visit, Sec. Gutierrez toured the Monroe/West Monroe Port project, and he also addressed the Monroe and West Monroe Chambers of Commerce.

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